FARM NEWS

By J. A. Smith, County Agent

One Story Barns Gain Popularity

The need for reducing time and labor in storing hay and moving it to the feed manger, and the desire for lower cost buildings which can be more easily and quickly erected, have led to the changes.

The one-story barn, with hay stored in one section from the ground to the roof and with hay racks next to the storage, meets these needs. More roof covereing is needed, but the heavily built floor used in the two-story barn is avoided.

The hay storage area should be provided with 12-foot wide doors for driving into the area for easy unloading. A barn with a hay storage area 24 feet wide, 60 feet long and 20 feet high has a capacity of about 120 tons of baled hay.

Animal shelters should be open on the south and east walls to give better ventilation and more suitable conditions for livestock.

Pole-type construction is ideal for the well-ventilated, economical and easily built barn. Poles which are set 4 to 5 feet in the ground should be treated with a wood preservatiave and will last an average of 30 years. An aluminum roof or a galvanized roof painted with aluminum paint, will make the building cooler in the summer.

The average cost of pole buildings is about $1 per square foot.

Egg Down-Grading Costs Producers

The market price for Grade A large and medium eggs has made a substantial gain in the past month or so. But the egg check for many farmers is remaining about the same.

In July on the Harrisonburg market there was a price difference of 15c a dozen between Grade A large and Grade B Large eggs. In Richmond and Roanoke the price differences were 11 and 11 1-2 cents respectively.

A Virginia study indicated that a good commercial egg producer should average around 85% or 90% Grade A quality eggs, with maybe 2-3 or more of the total falling into the Grade A Large class. Producers who have a good egg room and follow recommended management practices should not be troubled much by hot weather.

Wood Preservative Will Make Picnic Tables Last Longer

You can add years to the useful life of wooden outdoor furnishings by treating them with a wood preservative.

There are two excellent materials which can be easily applied and can be bought in either concentrated or ready-to-use form, pentachlorophenol, ofter referred to as "penta," and copper naphthenate. Each is sold under various trade names, the label will give directions for applying it. If a large amount of preservative is needed, it is cheaper to buy a concentarte and mix it with a light diesel oil or fuel oil.

Mixed with oil, are not soluble in water and wood soaked with them becomes water repellent. But to be effective the preservatives must penetrate the wood. Surface treatment, such as painting on with a brush, is not enough where wood is in contact with the soil or where moisture stands. Wherever possible, these vulnerable spots should be immersed in the soluition and allowed to stand until thoroughly soaked.

Wood should be dry and unpainted when treated. Paint can be applied over the preservative after it is thoroughly dry. Copper naphtenate leaves a slight green satin.

Stock and bond volume heavy on Swiss market.

QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

(Editor's note: Here are the questions asked most frequently by Virginia farmers during the past week, as reported by county agricultural agents. Answers are supplied by the staff members of the VPI Agricultural Extension Service and/or Experiment Station).

Q. What can I do to combat the drouth on my farm?

A. There are many things you can do. If dry weather has prevented the grain from filling, make silage of your corn. Topdress pastures and alfalfa to give additional grazing this fall and early next spring. Graze one cutting of alfalfa if you are short of pasture. Seed winter pastures. Adjust livestock numbers by culling and selling unprofitaole animals. County agents have recently been furnished detailed suggestions on drouth measures.

Q. What will kill large horseflies on cattle?

A. Use a combination of pyrethrins and piperonyl butoxide.

Q. What must I do about little leaf hoppers on my alfalfa?

A. If leaf hoppers are causing much damage, as shown by yellowing and stunting, spray with methoxychlor. Use a pound of actual insecticide in 20 to 25 gallons of water per acre. Apply with a boom-type sprayer.

Q. What can be done now as a precaution against Japanese beetles next year?

A. At this stage in the life of the Japanese beetle, larvae can be controlled by use of milk-spore-disease dust applied to turf areas such as lawns, golf greens, and permanent pastures.

Q. What is the outlook for feeder calf, yearling, and grass fed caattle markets this fall?

A. The outlook for feeder calf and yearling prices is bright for the fall. Reports from the midwest indicate that most feeders are expecting to pay about $2 more for calves this year than they did last year. However, if drouth conditions get worse in wide areas of Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania, demand for feeder cattle from these areas could fall off considerably. The drouth in Virginia also could cause heavy marketings of grass-fed cattle with some drop in prices on the local markets.

WEATHER FAVORABLE FOR LATE BLIGHT IN SOME AREAS

Cool nights and humid days, prevailing now in some areas of Virginia, help the development of tomato late blight.

That's the warning from S. B. Fenne, plant pathologist at V. P. I., who says the disease has been reported in several counties in southwest Virginia, including Grayson, Patrick, Bath, Montgomery, Pulaski and Floyd. It likely is present in most other counties of that area.

Fenne urges home gardeners to continue careful spraying at least once each week with one of the recommended fungicides, such as maneb, zineb, or bordeaux mixture. It is important to start spraying before the disease appears, since it is practically impossible to control after it once becomes established.

Fenne says not to confuse late blight with blossom end rot, which is a physiological disease that is not as destructive. Blossom end rot is caused by fluctuations in the amount of moisture available in the plant. It is not an infectious disease, and sprays are not necessary. The rot can be partly controlled by adding organic matter to the soil, and applying mulch to prevent rapid changes in soil moisture. The use of a balanced fertilizer is also important.

Vera

Vera, August 12.- "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of Man cometh." Matthew 25:13.

The weather continues hot and dry. Gardens need rain so badly, and all crops need rain.

Mrs. Leslie Turnes, who has been sick for some time, is not any better. We do hope for her a speedy recovery.

Week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey were Mr. Jimmie Harvey and family, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carson and Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carson.

Mr. T. C. Harvey Sr. attended the ball game at Richmond on Saturday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Harry Jenkins, and we wish for him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coleman on Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey on Friday.

The revival at New Hope Church closed on Friday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. Tom Moses. We do hope for him a speedy recovery.

Miss Harriette Harvey visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Garrette on Thursday night.

We are sorry to hear of the illness of Mr. George Abbitt, Sr. We hope that he may soon be better and can return home from the hospital.

We can hardly realize that the children will soon be back in school. It seems like such a short summer.

NEW BOOK IN THE COUNTY LIBRARY

They Fought For the Sky by Quentin Reynolds.

This great and most important war-adventure story is told here dramatically and with powerful immediacy by one of our best war reporters .It is the story of the birth of air power, but more, it is the story of "those gallant young men of a luckless generation, most of whom flew to glorious martyrdom." The names of the great aces are still remembered today: Rickenbacker, Billy Bishop, Richthofen, Bily Mitchell, Fokker, Guynemer, Lufbery, and scores of others. Mr. Reynolds has also included the technical developments of World War I, the great Zeppelin raids on London, the Lafayette Escadrille and, most exciting of all, the hundreds of dogfights over No Man's Land, which, strangely enough, unexpectedly brought about the return of the ancient concept of duel to warfare along with a code of chivalry obsolete for centuries.

Subscription rate: $2.00 a year; payable ina dvance.

Smith Family Reunion

The descendents of the late Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Smith met at the American Legion Hall Sunday, August 11th for a family reunion.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. LeRoy Smith, C. W. Smith, Mrs. S. Guy Smith, Mrs. O. L. Schaffler, Mr. and Mrs. James Redding and son, Johnnie; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler and three children, Louise, David and Tommy, all of Appomattox; Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Smith and daughter, Nancy, of Clintwood, Va ; Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Walter G. Smith and son, Gregory, of Durham, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Smith, Leon Waters and two children, Shirley and Craig, of Lorray, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Jamerson and daughter, Nancy, of Bedford; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brown, of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Brown and daughter, Karen, of Rockville, Md.; Grayson Smith, Frank Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith, Barbara, Doris, Ruth and Michael, of Middletown, Md.; Galen C. Smith, of Frederick, Md.; Miss Alice Frye and Miss Lake Pace, of Alton, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Fred Martin and daughter, Carroll; Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Garrison, of Camden, N. J., and the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Bergdoll and son, George.

BOW HUNTERS HAVE EARLY DEER SEASON

Bow and arrow hunters will not only have an earlier but also a longer deer season this year, according to Mrs. Evelyn P. Rueger, assistant executive director of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries. The amended Commission regulation reads as follows: "It shall be lawful to hunt deer of either sex with bow and arrow from October 15 to November 1, dates inclusive, except where there is a closed general hunting season on deer."

The opening date is fifteen days earlier than the regulation permitted last year, and there is an increase of six hunting days for the bow enthusiasts.

Also stated in the regulation is the provision that it shall be unlawful to use a crossbow or poison arrows at any time for the purpose of hunting wild birds and wild animals.

The dates of the special bow and arrow season for hunting deer on the Hog Island State Waterfowl Refuge, which has been declared each year will be announced later.

NEED LISTED SUBSTITUTE DISTRIBUTION CLERKS

Postmaster Richard Wingfield today announced a continuing need for Substitute Distribution Clerks (PTS). These positions are for service in the various functions transporting Uncle Sam's mail throughout Virginia. Salaries start at $1.92 per hour, with yearly increases, and 10 per cent additional for night work. Promotions to supervisory positions at higher levels are on a competitive basis.

Information and application forms may be obtained by calling at the Appomattox Post Office, or by writing Third Civil Service Region, Philadelphia 6, Pennsylvania.

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Error of opinion may be tolerated where reason is left free to combat it. —Jefferson.

Truth forever on the scaffold, wrong forever on the throne. —Lowell.

Truth, though the Heavens crush me for following her. —Carlyle.

For truth is unwelcome, however divine. —Cowper.

But no pleasure is comparable to the standing upon the vantage-ground of Truth. —Bacon.

Pamplin

Pamplin, R. F. D. 1.—A family reunion was held August 11. There were 75 in group present.

Miss Mabel Wade of Lynchburg was visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hampton, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wade and daughter, Betty Jane, spent week-end at the home of Mrs. Frank Wade.

Henry Ray Wade is visiting in Bedford and Mr. John Wade spent week-end with his parents on Route 1.

Mrs. Leslie Wade is visiting in Bedford and Mr. John Wade spent week-end with his parents on Route 1.

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INDIAN WAR OVER

The war between the United States, the State of Florida and the Miccosukee Seminole tribe, begun 122 years ago, is over at long last. While no peace treaty was signed, the Miccoukee leaders, meeting with Governor Leroy Collins and the Florida State Cabinet, declared, "We consider ourselves citizens and bound by the same laws that apply to anyone else." The aim of the state is to set up some central tribal body with which it can deal in giving assistance to the Indians.

BUSINESS PROFITS

Business profits, so far this year, are running ahead of 1956 by 4.5 per cent, So far, 588 corporations, covering all fields, except financial, and accounting for roughly one-half of total corporate profits in the nation — have reported net income after taxes for fthe first six months of 1957. Of these, 208 show an increase, while 280 fell behind the year-ago figures. This year 21 operated at a net loss, compared with 19 the previous year. Altogether, the 588 corporations show profits of $5,702,835,632, compared with -5,453,040,348 for the first half of 1956.

DEW LINE

The 3,000-mile radar chain across the upper rim of North America, dubbed "DEW line"— for Distant Early Warning Line—has been completed and is now in operation. The system of electriconically connected detection and warning devices was installed at a cost of more than $600,000,000 and required three years to build.

I. G. Y. ROCKET

The fifth successful rocket in the United States International Geophysical Year program blasted 140 miles into the air recently from its launching tower near the United States - Canadian Army base at Fort Churchill, Manitoba. The Aerobee-Hi rocket's altitude was 20 miles short of the local record of 160 miles, set on July 1 by the initial rocket fired in the I. G. Y. program. The rockets transmit information on air pressures, densities, temperatures, X-ray absorption and cosmic rays.

NEW BOND FORM

Beginning in October, the U. S Treasury will begin issuing "E" bonds in punch-card form. They will be almost the same size as the present paper type and will have the same printed matter. However, the Treasury anticipates a savings of $500,000 annually in printing costs, and use of electronic date processing machines may permit further savings in other departments.

'IN GOD WE TRUST'

For the first time in the history of the nation, the inscription, "In God We Trust," is being placed on our paper money. While it has long been carried on coins, last year Congress authorized it for paper money. The first of the paper money to carry the motto is a new series of one-dollar bills where it will appear on the reverse, or green side, just above the large word "One."

Evergreen

Evergreen, Aug. 13.- Mrs. Ella Jennings spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Sweeney, of Lynchburg.

Mr. C. M. Parmer, of Troy, Ala., visited his sister, Mrs. Clara Garrett Monday.

A. P. Seay, L. F. Wooldridge and J. K. Hamilton attended the Appomattox Area Day, sponsored by the Ruritan Clubs, at Jamestown, Va., on August 5.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sweeney and Mrs. Lelia Sweeney visited Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kermit C. Paulette spent the week-end at the Beach.

Sarah and Chip White, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Staples.

Mrs. Lucie Staples was called to her home last week by the illness of her mother, Mrs. Minnie Butler, at Carrsville, Va.

Mrs. Nannie Ferguson spent Tuesday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulett spent several days last week with her brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry T. Ferguson, and attended the revival at the New Hope Baptist Church, Mrs. Paulette's home church.

Jesse Franklin had the misfortune to hurt his foot last week, but he is much better at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Shorter and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Harris, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Harris.

KNOW THE WEATHER

By E. H. Sims

Is it true that clouds are much higher at the equator than in the polar areas?

Yes, clouds extend about twice as high at the equator as they do at the poles. And this is caused by the rotation of the earth.

At the poles, or at the top and bottom of the earth's axis, there is relatively little centrifugal force. But at the equator, where the earth is thickest, the centirfugal force is great and the layer of gases around the center of the earth is literally thrown outward by the greater force, and turning speed.

It is estimated that clouds at the equator extend as high as 50,000 feet or slightly higher above the surface of the earth. But at the pole clouds rarely reach up more than 25,000 feet into the troposphere.

Knowing this, airline pilots can always fly above the weather in the polar regions, though this is still not possible in other latitudes — in today's passenger airliners.

The threat of epidemic has found the Soviet Union and the United States preparing to battle a common enemy from abroad — Asiatic influenza.

Dial 2811 with Personals.

Nash Family Had Reunion

A reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Nash, of Spout Spring, of the families of the late Allen Cecil and Ella Chaffin Nash on Sunday, August 4. Picnic baskets were spread and enjoyed by all. Those attending were:

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Nash, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nash , Mr. and Mrs. Roy Nash and Vicki Motley, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Perrow, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Painter, Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Jones, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall Sr., and Mr. Chap Nash. Also:

Misses Shirley, Mildred, Carolyn and Betty Ray Nash, Barbara Holt, Pauline Perrow, Dorothy Painter, Gale Robertson, Judy and Mary Williamson, Jane Lee and Edna La Chapelle. Also Richard and Herman Nash Jr., Earl, Jimmy, Ray, Ronnie, Gene, Gerald and Twyman Williamson, Jimmy Ballagh, and Reginald Powers;

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Nash Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Herman Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Buford Nash and Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Ramsey and children, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pillow and children, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones and Fredia, Mr. and Mrs. David Nash and Jeanie Marie, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Nash, Mr. and Mrs. Seet Lawerance, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nash, Mr. and Mrs. James Williamson, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Marshall Jr., Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dixon, of Bluefield, W. Va.; Misses Arlene and Katherine Nash, Mr. R. M. Nash, Mrs. Viola Holt, Mrs. Georgia Wooldridge, Mrs. Judith Ballagh, Mr. and Mrs. Evans DeJarnette, all of Lynchburg; Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Wills and son, of Gladys; Miss Martha Evans, Mr. Sandy Thompson, Mr. E. W. Farrar, Mr. J. W. Blanks, Mr. J. B. Burks, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tweedy and Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Elder and children, Mr. T. A. Brown, of Norfolk, and the Rev. Daneel LeRoux, of Appomattox, and Mr. and Mrs. Berkley Nash, of Bedford.

KNIGHT FOR A DAY

On this Saturday, August 17, an age old tradition of chivalry will live again for at least a day at Natural Chimneys, Mt. Solon, Virginia.

On this customary date, the third Saturday of August, just average men will turn into "Knights" for a day. Under assumed, fanciful names, such as "Knight of the Golden Horse Shoe," and "Knight of the Dusty Trail," they will charge down the track, bent on winning over their rivals in a contest that has made a modern-day sport of what was once a deadly game, even unto death for the loser.

This event has been held at Natural Chimneys since 1821, and this year will mark the 136th annual tournament.

Miss Nancy Gildner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Gildner, of Harrisonburg, will serve as Honorary Queen. She will preside over the opening ceremonies with her throne and court regally set up in front of the spectacular Natural Chimneys, long famous for its beauty, grandeur, and geological history.

NEW VEPCO SUPT. AT CLIFTON FORGE

William A. Hopkins, Jr., has been named District Superintendent for Virginia Electric and Power Company in Clifton Forge, A. L. Jameson, District Manager, announced today.

Hopkins replaces Clarence V. D. West, who has been named Assistant Substation Engineer in the System Engineering and Construction Department in Richmond.

ROAD TOLLS

The users of motor vehicles of all types in the United States pay more than $4,000,000,000 each year in taxes and tolls to use certain roads, bridges, tunnels and ferries.

MAKES OWN SHELTER

Grand apids, Mich.- Lyle Anderson, Sparta farmer, has solved the problem of a tornado shelter, by pumping an old cistern dry and converting it into a safe underground place. He stocked it with drinking water, blankets, tins of farm and personal records, plus a transistor radio.

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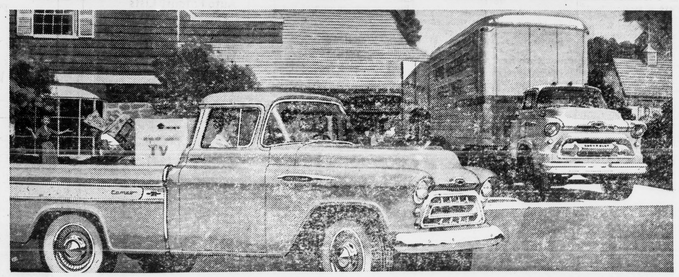
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